

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1218

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A RESOLUTION to honor the family of Eugene Alford upon his posthumous induction into the Rockwood Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor the memory of those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is the late Eugene Alford, who was recently inducted posthumously into the Rockwood Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the Rockwood Hall of Fame exists to recognize, celebrate, and honor those who have distinguished themselves through their success in public service, honorable military service, professional accomplishments, contributions to the community, and personal achievements, and Mr. Alford's lifetime of excellence in all his endeavors is surely deserving of such recognition; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Caney Ford Community of Roane County, Eugene Alford attended Roane County High School, where he proved himself a skilled athlete and an able scholar, as he earned the Dr. John Roberts Award for Most Outstanding Student; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alford continued his successes at Tennessee Tech University, serving as the Team Captain of the Golden Eagles football team and earning inclusion in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*; and

WHEREAS, following graduation, Eugene Alford attended Columbia University in New York as part of the United States Navy officers training program; willing to sacrifice his personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedoms, Mr. Alford admirably attained the rank of Lieutenant while serving in World War II as the Skipper of a ship that saw

action in many important conflicts, including those of Normandy Beach during the infamous D-Day operations; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Eugene Alford returned to his high school alma mater to teach and coach successive generations of youth; and

WHEREAS, a consummate public servant dedicated to improving the quality of life for his fellow citizens, Mr. Alford also contributed his time and many talents to numerous worthy causes, such as the Lions Club and the Harriman Businessmen's Club; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Alford evinced his devout religious faith as an active member of the United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alford epitomized the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to commemorate the many accomplishments of Eugene Alford and his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join the family and friends of Eugene Alford in celebrating his induction into the Rockwood Hall of Fame, as we honor the memory of Mr. Alford for his legacy as one of Rockwood's most upstanding citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.